

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

***Reply under 37 CFR §1.116 - Expedited Procedure - Technology Center 1600***

**In re application of:** Emerson

**Application No.** 09/781,592

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**For:** METHOD OF REGULATING  
TRANSCRIPTION IN A CELL

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION**

This Amendment and Response to Advisory Action (“Amendment”) is filed in response to the final Office action, dated August 9, 2006 (“Office Action”), and the Advisory Action, dated October 18, 2006. A three-month period for reply was set by the Office Action. Applicant hereby requests a one-month extension of time for response and the extension fee will be paid online concurrent with the filing of this Amendment. Thus, a timely response to the Advisory Action is filed on or before December 9, 2006. If any additional fees are required to file this Amendment, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 02-4550.

Please amend the claims as set forth beginning on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 5 and conclude on page 9.